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Applicant: Mathies, et al)

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 29, 2000, the time to respond to which has been extended one month by the enclosed petition and payment of the appropriate fee, please enter and consider the following remarks: